IN THE DOMAIN OF WOMAN.

FEMININE DRESS IN SAMOA.

and European Garments. In spite of the simplicity of national attire -the single tapa lava-lava, or loin cloth, worn by all, both sexes alike-the Samoans Chronicle. The body is greased with cocoanut oil and the hair is often plastered with white lime and reached up pompadour style, giving it when dry the effect of the judicial wig worn by English barristers. This lime is washed off at night and renewed from day to day. The result is a gradual change in the color of the hair, which, in undergoing the bleaching process, passes from a coarse coal black, through brick red to a bright yellow. The effect of this brilliant contrast with their shiny copper skins is grotesque in the extreme, but in their eyes

surpassing by beautiful. No Samoan belle of my circle of acquaintance would use such a torture and unnatural deformity as stays and corsets to make her sylphlike and willowy, though she is quite ready to puncture her nose to wear a jeweiled ornament. Their hair, however, is their pride, and a mass of yellow, spongelike stuff carefully tied up on top of their heads is the envy of every one for miles around-"a thing of beauty and a joy forever." In common with this strange fancy, the Samoans quite share the European ideas in regard to beauty. They particularly admire tall persons, and it is quite common



A GAINSBOROUGH EVENING GOWN.

for a stranger, especially if above the ordiadmiring throng of unobtrusively obtrusive natives, worshipping in silence.

Neither sex is overburdened with clothes. The common dress for both men and women is the already mentioned lava-lava, a kind of kilt or piece of drapery wound about the waist in a manner whose adjustment seems to foreigners nothing short of miraculous. The adults, however, seem to have no difficulty in keeping the lava-lava in place, but the children are less expert and careful of theirs and often lose the scant scrap of cotton stuff that serves as an outof-door costume. Children of all ages in doors, and babies in arms everywhere, wear no clothing at all. This kind of garmentor drapery, perhaps, would be a better word for it-is, in slightly varied form, common to most South Sea islanders, as well as inhabitants of the Indian archipelago and the southern countries of Asia. It is called by the Malays a sarong, and its name differs in the different groups of Polynesia. The Malays and Klings of Singapore, Ceylon and the Malaysian peninsula wear loose or straight, while the Burmese and Siamese tuck it up something after the manner of the well known infantile acces

The finery and gimerack adornments o civilization are now gaining a foothold in Samoa, as elsewhere in the track of commerce, particularly with the feminine heart, and it is not unusual to see a Samoan woman gorgeously arrayed in a fine mat lavalava combined with a ball gown waist or velvet basque cut V necked, or with hair done up empire style and wearing, to complete her toilet, a string of ferns about her waist and a necklace of sharks' teeth around her dusky throat-bust, arms and limbs bare -promenading with all the refreshing grace and conscious airs of Bridget on her Sunday outing, the observed of all observers. But there is one chackle of civilization they positively refuse to accept-shoes and stockings. Perhaps, however, this is because they can find no covering large enough for the aboriginal "trilbies." Nevertheless, in one then all four will repair to a cafe and get of the fights in which our native allies participated I observed one warrior proudly ered indiscreet, nor improper, because the wearing a pair of sixteen-button black silk cafes of the Prado are crowded until 1 his huge black feet protruding beyond the soles, which were worn through. He had day forbids too great activity in any way. doubtless "looted" them from some European house, whose owner fled when hostili-

LIFE OF AN ARAB WOMAN.

Remains in Her Home from Marriage to Burial.

Many an Arab woman never leaves her house from the time she is married until she charities a material value. is carried out to be buried. A woman of the middle class is allowed more liberty, and occasionally goes out for walks, accompanied, eral of the members are fine pianists and

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; is enveloped in masses of white drapery, | fessional diver, who is well known along Startling Effects of Blending Native and in front of her face she arranges a large Smith has pondered long upon the problem for shipment to the mills of Europe to be more than a foot or two of the road before teased her father into consent spend a great deal of their time in beautifynig themselves, relates the San Francisco
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run over when she goes out alone, for I am ran to her father and broached her plan of
There's evidet elever potentials. much as any blind man.

Servants and other women of the lower seems to be about covering up her face, which, after all, is rather considerate on her part. Even the greater number of negresses wear the vashmak, but the Bedouin women never do. Indeed, I am told that in the interior there is one Arab tribe whose men wear veils and whose women go about with their faces uncovered. These are probably the "new women" of Arabia.

OUT FOR FREEDOM AND FUN.

Open Window Club" Formed by Progressive Cuban Girls. Cuban women have organized a little social revolution of their own, relates a correspondent in Havana, and have taken a stand against the rigid and absurd customs which have held them down for generations. A number of progressive Cuban girls, most of whom suffered deeply before the war and who have been political exiles and who have known the terrors of persecutionthese are the ones who have banded themselves together and formed what they call "The Open Window club," and they are enjoying for the first time in their lives a taste of real freedom and an atmosphere such as the American girl has been brought up in and which has made her ideal. The name "Open Window" has almost a pathetic significance. It means that the indoor and balcony life, which Cuban women once led, will be radically changed. At one time, not so far distant, the Cuban girl never appeared on the street, even before noon, without a chaperon. The duenna was absolutely necessary even on little shopping expeditions. She rarely ever went driving because it was conspicuous and because driving is considered a great luxury in this part of the world. The Cuban girl had no clubs for amusement or social improvement. She had no books to read. Athletics were considered unwomanly. She remained constantly in her room, or in the large family reception room, sewing or embroidering and spending a little time at the plane with incompetent teachers. Those who were fortunate enough to be sent to a convent broadened out somewhat intellectually and learned to Speak French and

not to speak it. The Open Window club is the outcome of the rebellion among the women. It has been organized on most progressive lines and in time will be the Sorosis of this sland. It is broad in scope and will devote to athletics and to society. Its name is sig- reappeared, dressed in a black walst, black thumb marks and such things. It will probnificant. For once as they languished in silk bloomers and low shoes. Her father ably not happen in Mrs. Morrison's day, doors behind closed shutters, now their had her armor ready and the girl was soon however, and she has little fear on that score lives are open to the sunshine and the real | clad in iron with leaden shoes. activities of life.

Italian and to read German and English if

is growing, however, for the Cuban girl yearns to be emancipated, and she feels There are scores of Cuban girls who come out together and promenade at night without chaperons. There are always two together, and they promenade along the fastened to the side of the boat while her getting good pictures because the sitters Prado until 10 o'clock. This is freedom father attached the window through which would twist and turn and screw their faces practically penniless. She was just recovwhich even an American girl of good society cannot practice without risk to her good name. Two girls will promenade with



two men of their acquaintanceship, and ices until a late hour. This is not considstockings extending above the knees, with o'clock in the morning. Night is the playtime for Cubans because the heat of the native women workers. The factories are Organized charitable work has been a commendable outcome of the Open Window The poorer districts are visited and cases of destitution are reported to the authorities. The sewing circle of the club is kept constantly busy making clothes for women and children. Several musical entertainments have been given recently to raise funds for this work and to give their

There is a musical group that devotes itself to the study of the classics and sevas a rule, by a servant. The poor creature good vocalists. Their meetings are in the form of musicales for their own advance-

> The literary group studies English and reads French masterpieces and discusses the latest French novels. They are progressing excellently in English, and there are only a few Cuban women in the capital who do not know some English and fewer still who cannot understand the language when spoken.

> > TO DIVE SO SHE CAN SING.

swimming Exhibitions as a Means of Securing Musical Education. At last the sea serpent has a rival in the hape of a mermaid. The mermaid, how- work is by the piece, and many women ver, is a pretty girl, who has nothing of the work only a few hours a day. Wages averfish nature about her except her ability to age about 12 cents a day. In the next deremain under water. The mermaid is Miss partment the sorting is more precise, and Hattle Smith of Bridgeport, Conn. She has here the wages average 11 cents a day determined upon becoming a professional throughout the year. The spinning room is give herself a musical education. She is the girls. In peparing the cocoons for the

black scarf, embroidered with blue, red and white flowers. It falls low in front, and even by holding up the ends she cannot see gone to the bottom of the sound, having

> sure she needs a dog to guide her quite as giving diving exhibitions at the summer resorts. So it happened that one day recently Captain Smith, his daughter and a reporter pation probably takes the prize for unusualclasses wear pieces of black crepon wound boarded the sloop Whistler for a run out of ness. So far as heard from Mrs. Morrison tightly round their faces, leaving just a slit Bridgeport harbor to a point a mile is the only woman in the country or in the

there is from thirty to forty feet deep.
At the point of diving Miss Smith pre-Seen from a distance they might be men, with masks or thick black beards, as in Arab countries it is by no means easy to tell a man from a woman at first state. The allow of the regions a man from a woman at first sight. The older thereby robbing Neptune of the pleasure as other cities. Since criminals have begun and uglier a woman is the more prudish she of seeing a girl with a shapely head covered to appreciate the possibilities of changing by black hair, set upon a beautiful neck and this appearance by a different arrangement shoulders. Her dark eyes flashed determina- of the hair or another style of hirsute decotion. The change from a summer girl to the ration, photographs have fallen somewhat in

nd of the thread appears. Six cocoon threads go to make the final filament, and | knowledge of the work and a studio in the each spinner works with thirty-six cocoons lower end of the city. She does all her own in a pan before her. The children here work except the retouching. Mrs. Morrison's earn 5 cents a day, working from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., while the women earn about scents a day. In the finishing department business right through. Few of them know there is the same attention to neatness of more than one very simple branch. appearance as in the rest of the factory, the girls being scrupulously clean and tastefully dressed. Neatness is taken as an evidence of intelligence, and no slovenly girl could find a place in the flature. The last department of the factory is the pack-ing room. Here the skeins are packed close, formed into square bundles, marked which makes her look like a walking bundle, the Long Island Sound coast. Miss Hattle as to quality and wrapped in white cotton

PHOTOGRAPHING ROGUES.

There's a quiet, clever, notoriety-hating little woman in Newark, N. J., whose occufor their eyes to peep through, and they south of Bridgeport lighthouse. The water world for that matter holding the post of are equally muffled up in white draperies. nucleus of an armored mermaid was made esteem. Some day, no doubt, they will be



A seventy-five pound helmet was dropped She has a studio specially fitted up for her It is said that the membership of the over the girl's head and screwed fast to the work at the top of the headquarters build- mer near Montpelier. Vt., and, it is said, in Open Window club is now about 100. It neckband of her rubber suit. An eighty- ing and the prisoners are brought to her pound leaden belt was hung from the lower under guard. She has been particularly sucpart of the helmet and strapped around her cessful in getting them to sit quietly and althat the new order of things will bring it. waist. The top of the helmet was screwed low her to photograph them with no fast and the young diver was ready for her more trouble than any ordinary sitter would

> she was to see the fish and the flora of the up. Sometimes it was only after the guard sea. The rubber tube was fastened to the had clubbed them into a proper frame of top of the helmet and the man at the pump mind that they could be persuaded to allow began his supply of oxygen. Slowly the girl the photographer to get a proper focus at sank from sight, her course being marked all. It may be Mrs. Morrison's personality church of that city, declares that statistic by air bubbles.

the girl reached the bottom of the sound. nine variation of the request to look pleas-It was a sign that she was all right. Five | ant. minutes passed and then three pulls on the rope gave the signal that the girl wanted to and replied: "As long as I do not get black in the face

Then she retired to the cabin and ten minites later she stood again on deck in her street clothes.

"This is my first dive this summer," she said. "It took a good deal of teasing to get papa to consent, but I intend to get my mucical education from the sea shells." Captain Smith will accompany his daughter when she gives her exhibitions. She will

be the first woman to add this entertainment to the summer resorts. She has natural musical talents, but her parents have not the financial ability to gratify her ambition. In future years the audiences which listen to Mies Smith-who will then have a stage name-will not suspect that the diva was once a diver.

CHINESE FACTORY GIRLS.

Gayest and Brightest of the Native Women Workers. A lady who resided several years in China draws an attractive picture of the girls in the Chinese silk factories. She says they are the gayest and brightest of the large, clean, carefully ventilated, and well regulated. The girls are charmingly dressed in blue, with little decorated slippers, and smooth hair, decked with flowers, and silver-gilt or enameled pins, and each has two mirrors, her hair brush and her

tooth brush. How much these are prized is shown by the fact that their forfeiture is the punishment for misconduct. Some of the workers powder their faces, though many of the country women have cheeks of rosy pink. One factory at Sing Chang employs 900 native girls, with European foreman and a European general manager. The work begins at 5:30 a. m. There is a ten-minute rest for a light breakfast, which is taken by the hands at their working places, the machinery being stopped meanwhile. At 11 o'clock the work is laid aside for an hour for dinner, which is eaten in a large room. The girls make common stock of their provisions. Each girl has at her side, while at work, a little teapot in a padded basket and a tiny teacup. She drinks tea frequently, without milk or sugar and in small quantities. The working day is a trifle under nine hours. In one department where the cocoons are stripped of their outer covering and dropped into separate baskets according to their quality, the

of losing her job.

give. Men who have hitherto done this work For a time the girl stood on the ladder have nearly always had great difficulty in or that whatever good is left in the most har-The signal line gave a slight twitch when dened criminals responds to the polite femi-

After such a pleasant account of her success with her pictures it seems a pity not stood on the deck again and the big helmet the business is equally successful. There is was taken from her head her face was as no danger that Mrs. Morrison will grow rich red as a peony. She was told of her blushes as a result of her official labors. To be sure, \$3 or \$4 a day in addition to your income from other sources is not to be despised and Mrs. Morrison feels very happy over her new post. She fitted up the studio at headquarters at her own expense and she is paid at the rate of \$1 a dozen for all the photographs she takes. She makes a dozen copies from each negative. One of these is regularly posted in the rogues' gallery with the record

others' are kept for use in identifying sus-

picious persons. For instance, if the police



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in another city have arrested a man sus pected of having been previously convicted. these extra copies come in handy as helps in identfying him. Then the detectives sent to identify prisoners find these extra copies of great service to carry with them for purpose of comparison.

Mrs. Morrison is a business-like little woman with the firm belief in the possibility of a working woman keeping the personal liver at summer resorts to earn money to a pretty sight with its row of blue-robed and domestic side of her life quite separate from business. She took up her present ocdaughter of Captain Charles S. Smith, a pro- spinner, each cocoon is brushed until the cupation because she was suddenly thrown

opinion is that photography is a good, prac-

Frills of Fashion.

Gray kid shoes with stockings to match are worn with light gowns in place of the white ones so long popular. A handsome brooch in the shape of a heart and anchor set with diamonds and emeralds is among the novelties of the season.

Ladies' shirt waist pins in the shape of beetles, handsomely enameled and set with semi-precious stones, are extensively shown. Mourning hats for young girls are of dead black chip, with wide brims, and trimmed with plain white tulle or white tulle dotted

Scarf pins in the shape of a snafle and bit appeal to lovers of the turf. Another scarf pin represents a whip and saddle ap-propriately enameled.

A belt buckle representing two birch leaves, having the appearance of being cast and set with small precious stones, is an appropriate gift for a lady.

A pretty collar buckle, representing two grape leaves appropriately enameled, has a

The girl who wants a pretty and becoming bathing suit usually has to have it made. There is not as much assortment in ready made bathing suits as there is in gowns and there is nothing that should be selected more carefully to agree with the style of the

Lace is still so prodigally used on count-less other materials that it is an agreeable variety to see it omitted on sheer cotton gowns; hence we see some of the newest India muslins, batistes and dimitles with only embroidered yokes and bands and flounces of the dress fabric and no laces.

Petticoats, whether of silk or lawn, have to be very carefully fitted to wear with the closest fitting skirts. The prettiest to wear with the thin gowns are made of white taffeta, silk trimmed, with detachable lace-trimmed ruffles of lawn, which can be nicely laundered, or of India silk, trimmed with lace that will wash.

A great variety of green shades are seen this summer. Some of the latest French tints are extremely delicate and artistic, and combinations of green with certain shades of blue, mauve, red, yellow and old rose are noted among Paris dress gowns and millinery.

All the newest summer hats are more or less transparent. If of straw, they are of the zephyr variety, light and cool, and many midsummer models are formed shirred and accordion plaited gauze, tulle, India mull, chiffon, net or lace. The brims vary in size, as do the crowns, which are high, low and medium, to suit all tastes and

The most popular way of making the rather glossy linens is much after the French style used in gowns of Galatea cotton. The large extra collar is usually made of blue linen, with which the volant and skirt are trimmed in straps, piped with narrow blue braid. Tailor styles are much liked for these substantial linens, and are used almost entirely for the white, ecru and other col-ored duck costumes so fashionable for vacaion suits.

The little matter of belts has an impor-tance in dress out of all proportion to the size of the article, but the belt adds to or size of the article, but the best ands to detracts from the appearance in a most startling manner, especially the latter when it is not adjusted properly. White kid bests, plain or variously trimmed with beads or metal of some sort, are worn with the white shirt waists, but prettier than these are the belts of soft white satin ribbon wide enough to wrinkle a little, fastened with a silver gilt buckle. Very pretty, too, are the belts of white taffeta silk cut bias, hemmed on the machine and finished with a rosette

Feminine Personals

In the second week of June Miss Helen Gould received 600 begging letters, in which the total amount asked for was \$1,000,000. Mrs. Charles M. McLouth, a southern woman now residing in San Francisco, is writing a history of the First Tennessee

Mrs. Jefferson Davis is spending the sumtends to take up her permanent residence

n that city. Mme. Syngers, widow of a well known banker, has offered \$1,500,000 to the Greek government for the purpose of building aqueduct to Attica, and so averting the

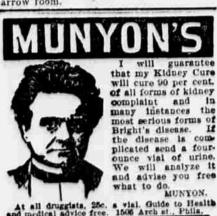
threatened water famine. Mrs. Richard P. Bland, the widow of the late congressman, is said to have been left illness when her husband ering from an died, and is still prostrated by the shock. Miss Emma Fowler, of Pittsburg, secretary of literature of the Woman's Home Mission ary society of the Methodist Episcopal showed that more eigarettes were purchased by women than by men. Miss Fowler says the women buy the eigarettes for male friends who call on them, and that they themselves also smoke them.

Miss S. L. Kendall has assigned to herself the task of evangelizing the policemen of return to the surface. When Miss Smith to be able to say that the financial end of the city of New York and has been telling the New York presbytery about it. young and healthy, and those whom she has fired with enthusiasm are hoping that in time-even though it be a matter of some years—Lexow and Mazet committees will become unnecessary. A similar movement, Miss Kendall says, is meeting with success in London.

The Philadelphia Record says: "A journey hitherto unequalled by an American is said to have been made by Mrs. M. M. Stevens, wife of the manager in Russian Asia of the Baldwin Locomotive works of posted in the rogues' gallery with the record this city, who accompanied her husband of the original written on the back. The across the great Siberian waste and steppes, over the uncompleted Trans-Siberian railway and by wagon and tarantass from St. Petersburg to Viadivostock. The journey of 9,877 versts was accomplished in forty-two

Philippine women are inordinately fond of jewelry, but at the same time show excellent taste in the matter of design and display, says the Woman's Home Companion. Those of the wealthy classes often order pieces to be made and sent out by the best Parisian firms at enormous expense; but in the way of its exhibition no criticism could be made except, perhaps, at a ball, or dance, and then the profusion of glitter is sometimes triffe bewildering and conducive to mone

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